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PRINCIPALS AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE

LAUNCHES ANNUAL John Laing AWARDS

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) has launched the annual John Laing Professional Development Awards for 2016.

The John Laing Awards acknowledge principals in every state and territory who demonstrate outstanding leadership in providing professional learning in schools. They celebrate the contribution principals make to support the professional learning and development of teachers and other school leaders.

"We are honoured to be able to run these awards every year, as they truly demonstrate the commitment made by our school leaders to educating students in primary and secondary schools across Australia. We invite all associations and schools to nominate their principal for these awards," said Paul Geyer, Chief Executive Officer, Principals Australia Institute.

Set up in 2004, the Awards honour John Laing, a former Tasmanian school principal who worked for PAI (the then Australian Principals Association Professional Development Council). He was the motivating force behind the innovative initiative in the early 1990s to bring principals together for national professional learning projects and programs to support their role as school leaders.

Nominations can be made through principals associations in each state and territory and PAI offices. They close on 31 August 2016

Events to honour the recipients will be held in each state and territory in October and November 2016.

Click here for more information about the Awards:

<http://www.pai.edu.au/content/john-laing-professional-development-awards-2016>

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About Principals Australia Institute

PAI is a national organisation established in 1993 to provide quality professional learning and leadership development on behalf of Australia's 9,500 school principals. The organisation was founded by the following principals' associations:

- Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA)
- Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA)
- Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA)
- Catholic Secondary Principals Australia (CaSPA)

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PAI also supports the social and emotional health and wellbeing of children in Australian schools through delivering the Australian Government-funded KidsMatter Primary and MindMatters frameworks.

With an established network of locations in all capital cities and in regional areas, PAI is one of the leading organisations that provides tailored professional learning and programs for school principals and their teams.